GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:385
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2000
BOMB BLASTS IN CHURCHES
CHANDRA NATH SINGH

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government were to probe the church blasts;

(b) if so, whether the matter has since been probed; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a), (b) & (c): Yes Sir, Investigations by the Central agencies and the State police forces of Goa, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka have established, beyond doubt, that an organization called the `Deendar Anjuman` a little known Muslim religious sect with its headquarters, at Hyderabad and having links at Mardan (Pakistan) is involved in the incidents of bomb blasts which occurred in churche premises in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Goa during May to July this year.41 activists of the Deendar Anjuman group have been arrested in this connection. Law and Order being a state subject, preventive measures have been taken by the concerned State Governments to avoid recurrence of such incidents. Activities of such organizations having a bearing on peace and communal harmony are under the constant watch of law enforcement agencies and action is taken wherever necessary.